



Clyde Gene Atkins

July 19, 1935 - January 10, 2023

Clyde “Gene” Atkins, age 87, passed away peacefully at home in Aubrey, Texas surrounded by his loving family on January 10, 2023. He was born July 19, 1935 in Vernon, Alabama to Lonnie Hewitt and Mary Etta Atkins. Gene is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Patricia A. Atkins; son and wife Jeffrey and Sharrell Atkins of Cross Roads, Texas; son and wife Bryan and Suzanne Atkins of Aubrey, Texas; granddaughter and husband Ashley and James Birmingham of Argyle, Texas; grandson and wife Hunter and Natalie Atkins of Midland, Texas; granddaughter and husband Chelsea and Sebastian Patino of Lubbock, Texas; grandson and wife Jacob and Allie Atkins of Springtown, Texas; granddaughter Hannah Atkins of Denton, Texas; niece Brenda Atkins Wood of Columbus, Mississippi (the two having been raised as siblings); eight great granddaughters, Pearl, Rose, Anne, Madeline, Ava, Chloe, Emma, Adalynn, one great grandson, Carter, and a host of other family and friends who will miss him dearly.

Gene was known by nearly everyone as the hardest working man they have ever known. A union roofer by trade (65+ year member of United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers & Allied Workers, AFL-CIO, Local 149) he possessed passion for and took great pride in his work. In early retirement his focus turned to fishing on Lake Lewisville and Lake Ray Roberts. You would be hard pressed to find a man who pulled more crappie out of Lake Lewisville during the decade of the 90s. He was a long time active member of Lake Shore

Baptist Church in Lake Dallas, Texas. His love for the outdoors simply cannot be understated. Well into his 80s, in weather fair or foul, he spent 10 hours a day or more clearing, mowing, raking and landscaping his yard, resting now and then to smoke his ever present pipe. The only thing he may have loved more than toiling in his yard were his 5 grandchildren. Ashley, Hunter, Chelsea, Jacob and Hannah – Pops loved you more than you will ever know. Your wedding days were the social events of his lifetime. He beamed with pride over your accomplishments, especially your academic and professional achievements, and his heart ached over your disappointments. To him, seeing you obtain the formal education and business acumen he lacked meant you were secure and would never have to work as he did. Nothing brought him joy like you five, nothing.

A visitation for Gene will be held Saturday, January 14, 2023 from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm at Slay Memorial Chapel, 400 S. Highway 377, Aubrey, Texas 76227. Burial will be held at 2:00 pm at Swisher Cemetery, 612 N. Shady Shores Road, Lake Dallas, Texas 75065 with Reverend Homer Walkup presiding. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bradley R. Shotts and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Slay Memorial Chapel of Aubrey
400 South Highway 377
Aubrey, TX 76227
info@slaymemorial.com
<http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com>

Graveside Service

JAN 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

Swisher Cemetery
612 N. Shady Shores Road
Lake Dallas, TX 75065

Tribute Wall

LA

“ So Many and Precious all! Last was sitting with him in the open garage chatting and he smoking his pipe. Laughing about some of our mutual memories from the past, talking of his brothers gone on before and some of the notable moments that I best not share here.

As noted so many memories of the family ritual visits to Mississippi and the memories of the our ritual visits to Dearborn Heights.

We chatted of his fondness of The Studdard Family Lynn and Liz. I do not think I can come up with anyone that spoke more fondly of my Grandparents than He. Fishing he did love and shared that passion with many over the years.

Last time I visited he was working in the yard when I drove up, we finished planting the bush he was working on and pulled up the chair. He laughed and asked if I would like to drive him, since Pat and kids had stripped him of driving privilege after backing into tree (wink and a laugh) in to McDonalds and stop at the hardware store which we did, drive by and check to see if a buddy was home and chat.

Uncle Gene you left a legacy to be proud of. Thank you for all the times shared. The Earthly Journey has ended and it was a blessing to many. Let the Dance continue!

Lonnie grayling atkins - January 15, 2023 at 08:29 AM

JL

“ Gene always had a smile and time to visit. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Pat, you are in our prayers as are Bryan, Sue, Jeff, and all the family,

*May the Peace of our Lord comfort each of you at this time,
Blessings,
Jolayne & Wayne*

Jolayne LaCour - January 13, 2023 at 12:44 PM

PA

“ Uncle Gene was one of a kind. He had a great sense of humor and was always fun to be around.

I always enjoyed his visits to Mississippi!!

Aunt Pat I am praying for you, and I love you.

Jeff and Family and Bryan and Family I will continue to pray for you, and I love you all.

Cousin Pam from Caledonia, Mississippi.

Pamela K Atkins - January 12, 2023 at 02:10 PM

TH

“ Mr.Gene will be so missed! He was a great neighbor who would help me in an instance. Anything from picking up a dead mouse to helping get a new door for our old truck to shoveling dirt and working on the tractor. We love you Mr.Gene and we will miss you!
Tami, Russell and Parish

Tami Holliday - January 12, 2023 at 12:28 PM

JW

Gene an Pat their parents will always be in the mind of the Wadkins clan. May God be with you Pat during this difficult time. Janice

Janice Wadkins watts - January 12, 2023 at 01:17 PM

RA

Rest in peace Uncle Gene. I will forever remember all the wonderful times our families spent together. Prayers for peace and comfort for Aunt Pat and all the family and friends who will miss you so much.

Rebecca Applegate - January 12, 2023 at 01:27 PM

SR

*Pat & family, my deepest condolences to all of you. As far back as I can remember there was "Pat & Gene", not just Pat or Gene but always together. I love you all and wish I could be there with you but just know that you are always in my prayers, in my thoughts and loved beyond measure. May God surround you with His peace and His love.
Sherry (Olds) Rister*

Sherry Rister - January 12, 2023 at 06:14 PM

NS

I think I've known Gene (and Pat) since I was a baby. When I get older and could talk, I would call him Uncle and Aunty Pat. Uncle Gene was always friendly, made me laugh, and was a gentle and kind man. Plus, he had a helluva a firm handshake. My Mom and Dad would talk about how talented Uncle Gene was and how dedicated he was to his profession. I didn't know it as a kid but clearly that type of work ethic and commitment is rare - even more so in today's world as they "don't make 'em like that anymore."

When I got the crazy idea to pickup and move to Dallas, TX from Michigan back in 2004, Uncle Gene and Aunty Pat were two familiar faces I was excited to see again. Over the years, especially when my Mom and Dad would visit, we would get together. You always think you'll get another chance to see someone but that's not the case. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to spend any time with Uncle Gene the last few years but I've got a wonderful collection of memories that span 40+ years that bring a smile to my face. More importantly, he and Aunty Pat were like family to my parents who treasured their friendship and were thankful to have them in their lives. We'll miss you Uncle Gene! - Nomit Shah and Family

Nomit Shah - January 12, 2023 at 09:20 PM

GR

God Bless Pat and the Family. Gene was a one of a kind Man. I loved him dearly. He was the hardest working man I ever have met. Thank you Gene for the great memories and thank you for being my friend.

Griff - January 24, 2023 at 10:25 AM